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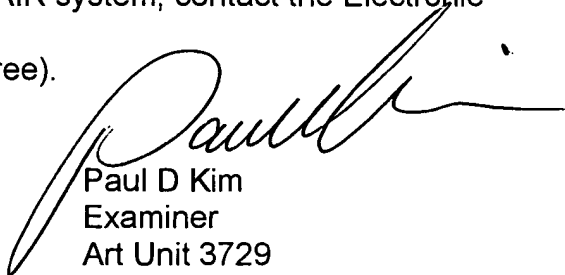
1. The reply filed on 12/05/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action mailed on 6/03/2005.
2. The amendment filed on 12/05/2005 amending all claims such that they are all drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the elected invention does not require or use "a stepper" as recited in line 3 and line 5 of claim 1, which is belong to the non-elect inventions such as Species B and Species C that are now cancelled.

It is noted that MPEP 821.03 is directed to the situation in which all claims to the elected invention are cancelled. However, applicant's amendment has the same effect since no remaining claim is drawn to the elected invention.

3. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul D. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-4565. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday between 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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